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Next COC Meeting:
Jan. 21, 2014 at 12:30

Acreage Report Deadline

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Acreage reports can also be filed for those producers who are not currently participating in a program, but would like to maintain their farm's crop history.

The deadline for reporting 2014 perennial forage, fall forage seedings and fall-seeded small grains is November 15, 2013. However, this year, no late file fee will be assessed if 2014 perennial forage is reported before January 15, 2014. Please contact the office as soon as possible to report crop acreage for these 2014 crops.

Deadlines approaching:

Jan. 2, 2014 - Honey
Jan. 15, 2014 - Perennial Forage, Fall Seeded Forage and Small Grains
Jan. 15, 2014 - Apples, Peaches
Feb. 18, 2014 - Maple Sap

Please be sure to call the office to ensure that an FSA employee will be available to assist you.

NAP Deadline

PM (call to confirm)

Acting Farm Loan Manager:

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Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is a federally funded voluntary program offered by FSA that helps producers reduce their risk of financial loss when natural disasters cause production losses or the prevented planting of covered crops. NAP is available for growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops, and crops for livestock feed that cannot be covered by the catastrophic level of crop insurance.

Farm Loan Officers:

Rebecca Davis

Lorna Wakefield

William Wilson

Application closing dates coming soon:

Dec. 2, 2013 - Maple Sap, Honey

Mar. 15, 2014 - Annually Spring Seeded Crops

Bank Changes

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using direct deposit. To ensure a smooth payment, it is important to keep the county office up to date on changes you might make with your financial institutions. If you have made changes to your accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact your FSA county office to update your information.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution may be necessary. The reconstitution (recon) is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

County Committee Meetings

All regular sessions of the County Committee meetings are open to the public. If you plan to attend please call the office to confirm the date and time.

November Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans, Direct Loans, Microloans 2.125%

Farm Ownership Loans, Direct 4.25%
Farm Ownership Loans, Direct, Joint Financing 5.00%
Farm Ownership, Down Payment 1.50%
Emergency Loans 3.125%
Farm Storage Facility Loans, 7 year 2.0%

Dates to Remember

Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday: office closed
Dec. 2 - NAP application deadline for maple sap and honey
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day: office closed
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day: office closed

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